

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

SB 1813 - HB 1855

February 24, 2020

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Requires each local education agency (LEA) to install technology on each of the LEA's computers with internet access to filter or block internet access through the LEAs computers to material deemed by the LEA to be harmful, pornographic, or obscene by community standards. Requires each LEA to review its internet acceptable use policy and the technology installed to filter or block internet access through the LEAs computers by January 1, 2021, and once every three years after. Requires the director of schools to implement and enforce the LEA's acceptable use policy.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

Increase Local Expenditures – \$4,500,000/FY20-21*
\$810,000/FY21-22 and Subsequent Years*

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (014672): Deletes all language after the enacting clause and rewrites the bill such that the only substantive changes are to: 1) change, from at least once every three years to annually, the required frequency for each LEA to review its internet acceptable use policy, as well as the technology installed by the LEA to filter or block internet access at the district level; 2) remove language requiring the technology to be installed on each computer; 3) require LEAs to comply with the federal Children's Internet Protection Act; and 4) require each LEA to ensure that all LEA computers that can connect to an authenticated LEA network are installed with up to date anti-virus or spam removal software.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumption for the bill as amended:

- It is assumed that all districts are currently using enterprise level management systems rather than per-device software; thus the Department of Education (DOE) and LEAs will be able to filter or block internet access at the district level within existing resources.
- DOE and LEAs will be able to amend their policies in accordance with the provisions of this legislation during the normal course of business; therefore, any fiscal impact is estimated to be not significant.

- No impact to the Basic Education Program

*Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: *no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.*

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krista Lee Carsner". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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